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the farmers that fed ethanol, or the gluten, to the cattle. And it was shown that they saved...or made an extra \$9 to \$15 per head because of feeding that gluten. Now the only portion of this bill...and actually, I don't have a problem with this bill if we could just get an agreement on LB 479 to take out the LB 775 and LB 620 language out of the bill. And then we could go along with this bill as it is right now. But if you remember, I told you the small plant at Plainview was 33 jobs. Take 30 jobs created in Knox County, Nebraska--Knox County is where I live--30 jobs created there is the equivalent of 963 new jobs created in Lancaster County, and 1,733 jobs created in Douglas County. And as I told you this morning, I have to defend myself all of the time, because I defend LB 775, and my constituents, many of them, say it doesn't benefit rural Nebraska. And I tell them that everything, if it benefits Omaha and Lincoln, it also benefits the state of Nebraska. Well this is the opportunity for rural plants to get LB 775 money. those jobs created, 30 of them in a small plant are equivalent to 1,733 jobs in Douglas County.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I think I'm going to return the rest of my time, Senator Cudaback, and I'll get into the rest of this later. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I always am interested to hear Senator Cunningham speak, because he has a way of extrapolating when he comes to numbers. A small number in his district is equivalent to thousands in Douglas County. When you use that as an academic or theoretical exercise, I can understand it. But when you're talking about actual people, Senator Cunningham, there are not that many people in Douglas County getting those jobs. And in your district I can understand your supporting anything that's going to help your district, so I don't fault you for that. But I do fault everybody for latching onto this boondoggle and then wanting citizens outside of Senator Cunningham's district to pay